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**PATENT**

### REMARKS

Claims 16-19 (newly amended) and newly presented claims 50-53 are pending. In the above amendments, claims 16 and 17 have been amended, and claims 15, 32-39 and 49 have been canceled without prejudice.

The allowability of claim 16 is appreciatively noted. In the interest of reducing the issues under consideration and expediting grant of this application applicant has amended claim 16 to place it in independent form. Claims 17-19 depend from claim 16, as amended, and are therefore now also in allowable form. Further method claims 50-53 (newly added) correspond to allowed apparatus claims 16-19, and are therefore allowable for the same reasons.

Rejection of claims 15, 17-19, 32-38 and 49 under 103(a).

This rejection is now moot in view of the cancellation of claims 15, 32-38 and 49 and the changes to claims 17-19 as set forth above.

### REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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